

**Amendments to the Abstract:**

Please replace the abstract with the following amended abstract:

A ~~method of playing a casino game having with~~ a normal play mode and a free play mode, the method comprising: initiating said normal play mode of said casino game; establishing a probability of entering said free play mode from said normal play mode in each play of said casino game within said normal play mode, said probability being a first probability; establishing a probability exiting said free play mode in each play of said casino game within said free play mode, said probability of exiting said free play mode being a second probability; entering said free play mode from said initiated normal play mode according to said established first probability; and exiting said free play mode according to said established second probability, said established second priority providing a variable number of consecutive plays of said casino game in said free play mode. When a random message appears in response to a game outcome from normal play of the casino game, the player selects a symbol in the game outcome. The selected symbols reveals a hidden value. When the revealed hidden value is an award, the player receives the award. When the revealed hidden value is a free play symbol, the casino game continues to play to free play game outcomes until a game outcome contains a stop symbol.